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SUBJECT: W/W PAN AM AND KLM COLLISION IN CANARY ISLANDS:
STATUS REPORT - MARCH 29, 1000Z

1. STATUS OF SURVIVORS: 16 TREATED AND RELEASED; 55
STILL HOSPITALIZED, WITH PLANS TO AIR EVACUATE 53 TO
US VIA C-141 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (NAMES AND CONDITIONS
PROVIDED SEPTEL). ONE SURVIVOR DIED NIGHT OF
MARCH 28/29.

2. AIRCRAFT STATUS: C-141 LANDED AT LAS PALMAS AT
0830Z. ONE C-130 STILL AT LAS PALMAS AND AVAILABLE
FOR SHUTTling SURVIVORS FROM TENERIFE TO LAS PALMAS
FOR TRANSFER TO C-141 AND EVACUATION TO US. TWO
C-130'S AT ROTA RETURNING TO RHEINMAIN AND MILDENHALL
AT 1100Z, MARCH 29.

3. FIRST C-130 EXPECTED DEPART LAS PALMAS FOR
TENERIFE AT ABOUT 1115Z. CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT
PRESENT WHETHER ONE OR TWO C-130 FLIGHTS WILL BE
NECESSARY. IN EITHER CASE WE EXPECT COMPLETION OF
TRANSFER SURVIVORS AND DEPARTURE OF C-141 SOMETIME
DURING AFTERNOON MARCH 29. TAKEOFF TIME AND OTHER
INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED TO DEPARTMENT WHEN KNOWN.

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4. LOCAL AUTHORITIES, ASSISTED BY US AND DUTCH
PERSONNEL ON SITE, HAVE BEGUN IDENTIFICATION AND
EMBALMING. EMBALMING EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED
APPROXIMATELY MARCH 30. LAUDERDALE DISCUSSING WITH
PAN AM OFFICIALS IN TENERIFE TRANSFER OF REMAINS TO US.

5. ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICER FROM BARCELONA BEING SENT

TO ASSIST EMBASSY TEAM IN TENERIFE AND PROVIDE
RELIEF FOR PERSONNEL WORKING ROUND-THE-CLOCK
OPERATION. REQUIREMENTS AT TENERIFE AND LAS PALMAS
TO BE REASSESSED AFTER EVACUATION OF SURVIVORS COMPLETED.

6. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ONE GROUP OF ABOUT
TWENTY RELATIVES OF PAN AM PASSENGERS ARRIVED MADRID
0640Z EN ROUTE TO LAS PALMAS. GROUP IS ACCOMPANIED
BY PAN AM EMPLOYEE WHO IS HAND-CARRYING SOME FINGER-
PRINTS OBTAINED FROM FBI. ALSO WE HAVE INFORMATION
THAT OTHER INDIVIDUAL RELATIVES WILL BE GOINT TO
LAS PALMAS. EMBASSY REPS WILL PROVIDE ALL ASSISTANCE
POSSIBLE.

7. LAUDERDALE WILL ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE BEING PLANNED
FOR TODAY OR TOMORROW. EATON

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